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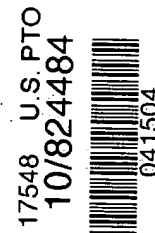
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Stephanie LANE, Denis PENNINCKX, Olivier AUDOUIN,  
Yann FRIGNAC  
NETWORK ELEMENT FOR USE IN AN OPTICAL COMMUNICATION  
NETWORK, IN PARTICULAR A DWDM COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. Q80977



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 19 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and a Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$810.00</u></b>

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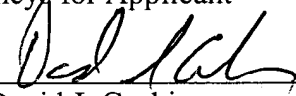
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Respectfully submitted,  
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